

THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

The purpose of the Food Stamp Program is to raise the nutritional level of low income households by supplementing their available food purchasing dollars with food coupons. Information regarding nutrition and budgeting is available to participants to assist in choosing a nutritionally sound diet with limited income. Program participants are entitled to use their food coupons at the retailer of their choice and choose foods based on their own preferences. However, retailers must be federally approved to accept food stamps. Non-food items may not be legally purchased with food coupons.

In order to qualify for food stamp benefits applicants/participants must meet both non-financial and financial requirements. Non-financial requirements are such things as state residency, citizenship/alien status, work registration and cooperation with employment and training IMPACT program. The financial criteria are income and asset limits. If an applicant is eligible based on the federally established financial and non-financial requirements, the allotment of food coupons they receive is based on their household size and net monthly income after all allowable deductions are subtracted.

The Food Stamp Program is administered through each state but benefits are funded solely by federal funds. Federal regulations which govern implementation of the program are developed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services section pursuant to federal legislation. In Indiana, the Family & Social Services Administration is responsible for ensuring that these federal regulations are initially implemented and consistently applied in each county. The local Office of the Division of Family and Children in each of the ninety-two Indiana counties has the responsibility for processing applications, certifying eligible applicants for participation, and issuing benefits.

FOOD STAMP STANDARD

FAMILY SIZE MONTHLY	EFFECTIVE 10-1-1999 MAXIMUM FOOD STAMPS ALLOTMENT	EFFECTIVE 10-1-2000 MAXIMUM FOOD STAMPS ALLOTMENT
1	\$127	\$130
2	234	238
3	335	341
4	426	434
5	506	515
6	607	618
7	671	683
8	767	781
9	863	879
10	959	977

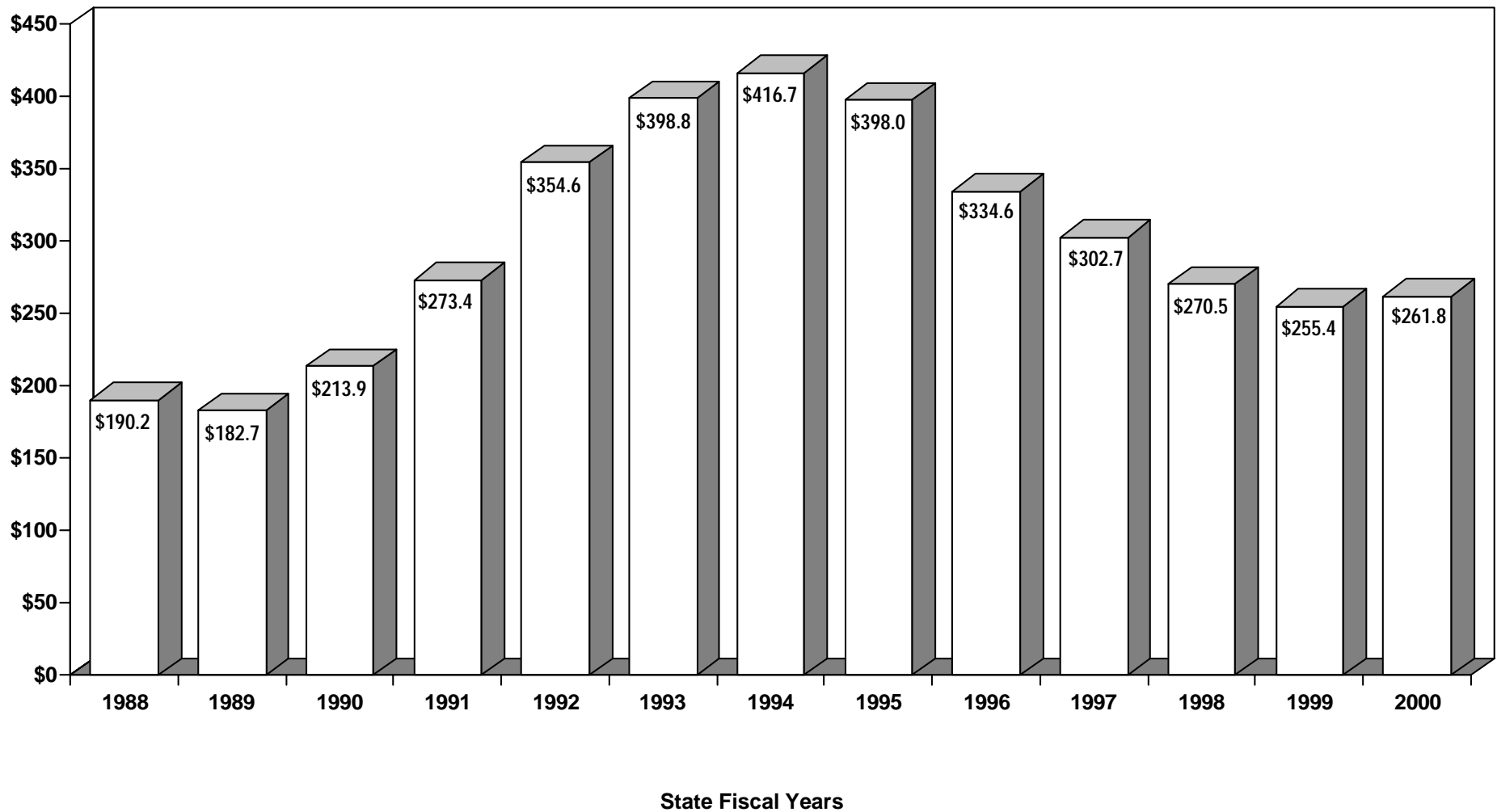
Each additional person is allotted \$94 (10/01/1999)

Each additional person is allotted \$98 (10/01/2000)

Indiana Family & Social Services Administration

Total Value Of Food Stamps Issued For State Fiscal Years 1988-2000

Millions Of Dollars



Note: The Food Stamp Program is 100% Federally Funded.

**INDIANA FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
AVERAGE MONTHLY PERSONS AND TOTAL DOLLARS ISSUED BY COUNTY
FOR THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2000**

COUNTY	AVERAGE PERSONS SFY2000	TOTAL DOLLARS SFY2000
Adams	867	\$688,567
Allen	15,069	\$13,641,209
Bartholomew	2,586	\$2,093,420
Benton	237	\$168,968
Blackford	929	\$768,369
Boone	883	\$722,365
Brown	438	\$350,388
Carroll	414	\$315,542
Cass	1,746	\$1,355,026
Clark	4,232	\$3,374,593
Clay	1,221	\$947,355
Clinton	1,144	\$928,187
Crawford	887	\$650,113
Daviess	1,554	\$1,173,255
Dearborn	1,337	\$1,053,013
Decatur	907	\$697,522
DeKalb	714	\$564,122
Delaware	7,942	\$6,727,357
Dubois	547	\$379,780
Elkhart	6,845	\$5,883,372
Fayette	1,665	\$1,314,224
Floyd	3,696	\$3,135,370
Fountain	593	\$427,143
Franklin	713	\$588,294
Fulton	662	\$493,302
Gibson	1,115	\$872,466
Grant	5,263	\$4,351,450
Greene	1,360	\$1,022,681
Hamilton	1,476	\$1,233,340
Hancock	959	\$777,970
Harrison	1,275	\$998,751
Hendricks	1,125	\$952,290
Henry	2,748	\$2,270,891
Howard	4,374	\$3,838,691
Huntington	1,038	\$778,775
Jackson	1,224	\$970,043
Jasper	848	\$705,222
Jay	799	\$616,115
Jefferson	1,535	\$1,237,360
Jennings	854	\$641,687
Johnson	2,465	\$2,069,110
Knox	3,258	\$2,709,837
Kosciusko	1,064	\$820,730
LaGrange	387	\$284,059
Lake	48,537	\$46,924,020
LaPorte	5,747	\$5,118,918
Lawrence	1,733	\$1,276,458

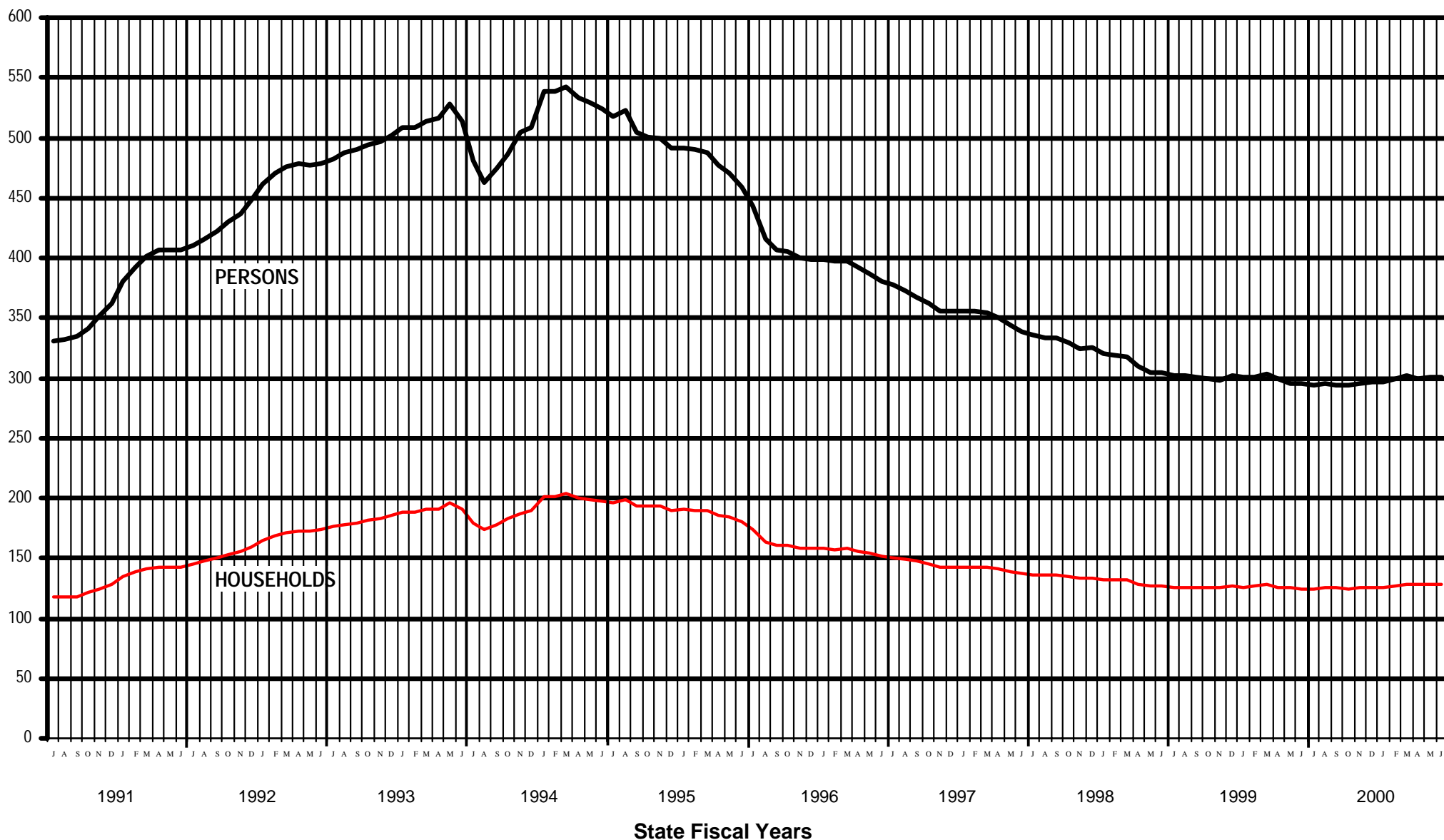
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Madison	7,363	\$6,237,065
Marion	55,647	\$53,209,426
Marshall	1,183	\$953,858
Martin	607	\$486,716
Miami	1,560	\$1,249,060
Monroe	4,037	\$3,381,387
Montgomery	1,705	\$1,455,076
Morgan	2,689	\$2,199,395
Newton	587	\$498,577
Noble	820	\$647,540
Ohio	129	\$90,375
Orange	1,350	\$974,126
Owen	1,159	\$960,377
Parke	772	\$603,102
Perry	662	\$525,188
Pike	662	\$504,563
Porter	3,245	\$2,874,445
Posey	1,219	\$981,503
Pulaski	617	\$479,024
Putnam	842	\$679,710
Randolph	1,516	\$1,234,019
Ripley	776	\$576,318
Rush	594	\$455,839
St. Joseph	15,846	\$14,985,107
Scott	1,848	\$1,484,919
Shelby	1,412	\$1,153,745
Spencer	581	\$436,734
Starke	1,389	\$1,102,619
Steuben	677	\$566,787
Sullivan	1,504	\$1,183,512
Switzerland	386	\$282,083
Tippecanoe	4,628	\$3,977,034
Tipton	403	\$310,388
Union	259	\$186,212
Vanderburgh	12,513	\$10,527,468
Vermillion	697	\$497,307
Vigo	7,952	\$6,554,110
Wabash	857	\$675,257
Warren	229	\$143,277
Warrick	1,325	\$1,007,571
Washington	1,458	\$1,051,697
Wayne	4,631	\$3,842,146
Wells	493	\$393,060
White	968	\$764,993
Whitley	535	\$456,971
TOTALS	297,341	\$261,751,406

Indiana Family & Social Services Administration

Monthly Food Stamp Participating Persons And Households For State Fiscal Years 1991-2000 (Monthly Caseload)

Thousands Of Persons/Households



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